

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. patent of :
Norbert WEFERLING, et al. :
Serial No. to be assigned :
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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING :
ALKYLPHOSPHONITE ESTERS :

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, insert PROCESS FOR PREPARING ALKYLPHOSPHONITE
ESTERS

Page 1, line 2, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 1, insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 16, insert --DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 11, line 1, insert --EXAMPLES--.

Page 17, line 1, delete "Patent claims" and substitute therefor --CLAIMS--.

Page 22, before line 1, delete "Process for the preparation of alkylphosphonous acid esters".

Page 22, line 1, delete "Abstract" and substitute therefor --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "one or more of claims 1 to 3," and substitute therefor, --claim 1, --.